

Join Us!

Shared goals and function are critical to the direction, decisions, and actions of the Special Education Advisory Panel.

Commitment and active involvement are necessary in order to assist the panel in its efforts to improve special education for Idaho's students.

We encourage membership of those who feel they can contribute to the panel's unity and strength of purpose.



Making a Difference For Idaho's Children



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State of Idaho

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Purpose

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires that every state establish and maintain an advisory panel for the purpose of advising the State Education Agency (SEA) regarding the education of children with disabilities (ages birth through 26). In Idaho, the SEA is the State Department of Education (SDE).

Meetings

SEAP members meet three times each year for full panel meetings.

Subcommittees, workgroups, and the executive committee may meet at additional times during the year.



SEAP meetings are open to the public. Meeting dates and locations are available from the SEAP website.

Responsibilities

As defined in the IDEA amendments of 2004, SEAP is responsible to:

- advise the State Department of Education (SDE) of unmet needs in the education of children with disabilities; and
- comment publicly on rules or regulations proposed by the state regarding the education of children with disabilities; and
- provide advice to SDE staff in developing evaluations and reporting data to the Secretary of Education; and
- advise the SDE in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in federal monitoring reports; and
- advise the SDE in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities.

Membership

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction appoints SEAP members to serve a three-year term.

Members may also choose to serve on committees and as executive officers of SEAP.

The majority of panel members are to be individuals with disabilities, or parents of children with disabilities (ages birth through 26). Other membership requirements, defined by Federal law, are outlined in the SEAP membership application.

Panel members serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for meeting travel expenses, according to state law.

A list of current members and the membership application form is available from the SEAP website.

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